

REMARKS

The Specification is amended to refer to Figure 7, which otherwise is discussed at page 9, paragraph 36. No new matter is added.

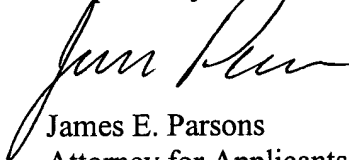
With respect to the Office Action, the species of Figure 3 is elected. Independent claims 17, 46, and 60 are generic, as are dependent claims 18, 47, and 48. Claims 19-24, 49-55, and 61-64 read on non-elected species.

With respect to the product-by-process claims, i.e., claims 42-45, 56-59, and 65-67, those are proper dependent claims, and it is submitted that those claims should be considered. MPEP 2173.05(p).

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